

OCTOBER 2011 diversitydialogue



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A note from

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The need for diversity as part of the intercollegiate experience is as important as the air we breathe. Much

of the experience of a student during the learning process is being exposed to new and diverse cultures that make up the world we live and work in. Students at ASU are exceedingly fortunate to have the Multicultural Center that works in tandem with the Center for International Studies to make students of all cultural backgrounds a working and integrated part of everyday student life on campus. This constant exposure to multicultural events and the nurturing of cultural aspects of all students makes ASU a great conduit for developing the holistic approach to student life and interaction. We here at the office of Academic Affairs are proud of our outstanding diversity and multicultural awareness at ASU and will continue to strive to strengthen its ideals and mission as part of the ASU academic community.

10/26

Disability Awareness Month
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. @ UC Lobby

TUES/THURS

Zumba, 8-9 p.m. @ UC Lobby
Latin Dance, 9-10 p.m. @ UC Lobby
El Cafecito, 9 a.m.-Noon
@Multicultural Center Lobby

Summer 2011 in review

The Multicultural Center was hard at work throughout the summer observing special dates as well as getting ready to welcome back ASU students. Below is a recap of activities that took place over the last few months.

JUNE

Juneteenth Celebration: This summer the Juneteenth celebration included a documentary that outlined the history and events leading up to the Emancipation Proclamation.



The short film described how Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Sept. 22, 1862, with an effective date of Jan. 1, 1863, but had mini-

mal immediate effect on most slaves' day-to-day lives, particularly in Texas, which was almost entirely under Confederate control. Attendants also had the opportunity to learn about outstanding African-Americans and former slaves who left their mark in history as inventors, politicians, academicians and business owners.

JULY

July Fourth & Welcome Back Bash:

July was a busy month with the Fourth of July celebration which also helped to welcome students back to the Summer II session. Hot dogs, chili dogs, and cake were served to more than 200 attendees at the University



Center patio. The second annual watermelon seed spitting contest was also a hit as students and community supporters competed for fun prizes.



AUGUST

Rambunctious Weekend at the

Lake House: The Sunday before school began, the Multicultural Center was proud to co-host the Lake House outing during Rambunctious Weekend. Food, games and fun are in order every year—and this August was no exception. This provided one final summer outing for students who had a choice of kayaks, water slides, a mechanical bull, sand volleyball or taking a dip in Lake Nasworthy. More than 400 students, faculty and staff joined in the fun!



SEPTEMBER

Brazilian Carnival: To kick off Hispanic Heritage Month the Multicultural Center hosted Brazilian Carnival 2011. In Brazil, "Carnival" is the most famous holiday and has become an event of huge proportions. The country stops completely for almost a

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Student highlight: **Corina Duarte**

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Corina helped set up a health clinic and provided medical assistance to widows and orphans in Kisumu, Kenya in Africa.



The experience was overwhelming, transition was not easy, but I grew to love the people in the village. I learned how to help the people live another day and to appreciate my life more in the USA.

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week and festivities are intense, day and night, mainly in coastal cities. At ASU, students, faculty, staff and community members had the opportunity to stop in the middle of their day and relax to the sounds of drums with an African vibe and colorful costumes that captivated spectators. Traditional Brazilian dishes such as Bolinhos de Arroz, Acarajé and Vatapá were served to more than 300 attendees.

DID YOU KNOW...

Polynesian Cultures Fun Fact:

The letter "B" does not exist in the Tahitian language? Bora Bora is actually "Pora Pora," meaning first born, but early visitors heard it as Bora Bora.



www.goway.com/downunder/tahiti/tahiti_arrival.html

Disability Awareness Day

October - National Disability Employment Month



"Disability doesn't equal Inability"



Wednesday, Oct. 26
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
UC Lobby

FMI: Multicultural Center/ UC Room 114 / (325) 942-2729



All celebrations hosted by the Multicultural Center are planned with the purpose of providing an educational experience in an entertaining environment. October is National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month and the Multicultural Center will celebrate it in a unique way. In addition to information posters that are iconic to our events, attendees will have the opportunity to experience disabilities on a first-hand basis. An obstacle course will be set up in the UC lobby that will challenge students to maneuver through using a wheel chair, crutches or blindfolded. Awareness stations

will attempt to recreate the daily lives of the hearing impaired, the blind and others who live with disabilities.

Additionally, you can expect videos, information about services offered at ASU, and representatives from organizations in San Angelo that support or work with people with disabilities.

Finally, local wheelchair athlete, Larry Evans, will speak about his experiences as he has competed at a high level in wheelchair tennis.

For the first time at ASU disability awareness will be observed and you are invited to be a part of it. We hope you will join us!